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SUBJECT: CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR NASA AIRCRAFT

REF: STATE 072008 OF MARCH 21

1. NASA PLANS SECOND SERIES OF FLIGHTS THIS APRIL OVER
GUATEMALA TO EXPLORE FURTHER USE OF AIRBORNE IMAGING
RADAR AS REMOTE SENSING TOOL FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPLORA-
TIONS. ELIZABETH GRAHAM, ARCHAEOLOGICAL COMMISSIONER, BELIZE
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MINISTRY OF TRADE OF INDUSTRY, HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH
MR. R. ADAMS ARCHAEOLOGIST FROM UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS IN
SAN ANTONIO AND ONE OF THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATORS IN
THE NASA PROGRAM. SHE HAS REQUESTED THAT COVERAGE BE
OBTAINED OF SITES IN BELIZE DURING THIS AIRCRAFT MISSION
IF POSSIBLE, PARTICULARLY AREAS NEAR SAN PABLO AND
CERROS.

2. NASA HAS ASSESSED THIS REQUEST AND CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS ADDITIONAL COVERAGE IF CLEARANCES CAN BE OBTAINED IN TIME. SCIENTIFICALLY, IT WOULD ENHANCE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF REMOTE SENSING TECHNIQUES AND INCREASE OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE OVERVIEW OF ANCIENT LAND USE IN MAYA LOWLANDS.

3. DATA TAKEN OVER BELIZE WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO GRAHAM.

4. UNLIKE MISSION LAST FALL, CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR THIS SPRING'S GUATEMALAN MISSION WAS NOT SENT TO BELIZE AS NO OVERFLIGHT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. COPY OF THIS REQUEST BEING SENT SEPTEL FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

5. WITH ADDITION OF BELIZE SITES, NASA NOW PLANS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ROUTING TO AND FROM GUATEMALA SIMILAR TO THAT USED LAST FALL (SEE STATE 205239 AUGUST 26, 1977 AND BELIZE 712). DATA FLIGHT OVER BELIZE WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE DURING THIS TRANSIT FLIGHT. IN ADDITION, ONE DATA FLIGHT OVER BELIZE MAY ALSO BE NEEDED WHILE AIRCRAFT STAGED IN GUATEMALA. GUATEMALAN OBSERVER WOULD BE ON-BOARD THIS LOCAL FLIGHT.

6. FLIGHTS WOULD OCCUR BETWEEN APRIL 7 AND 14, 1978
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AT AN ALTITUDE OF 24,000 FEET.

7. PLANNING ROUTING TO AND FROM GUATEMALA SHOULD BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

MERIDA, YUCATAN MEXICO VIA AIRWAY UB3 TO BELIZE

BELIZE TO GUATEMALA CITY OFF AIRWAY ROUTES FOR DATA TAKING OVER BELIZE AND GUATEMALA.

RETURN FLIGHT WOULD REVERSE THIS.

8. PILOT WILL FILE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT PLANS.

9. AIRCRAFT IS NASA-OWNED AND MAINTAINED CV-990, REGISTRY N712NA, CALL SIGN NASA 712.

10. AIRCRAFT WOULD CARRY THREE JPL IMAGING RADAR SYSTEMS OPERATING IN L, X AND VHF BANDWIDTHS; AIR SAMPLING EQUIPMENT FOR IN-SITU MEASUREMENT OF ATMOSPHERIC TRACE GASES AND PARTICULATES; RC-9 AND KS-87 AERIAL CAMERAS, INFRARED RADIOMETER FOR MEASURING TEMPERATURE OF UNDERLYING

SURFACE AND WATER VAPOR HYDROMETER.

11. NO REPEAT NO DATA MEASUREMENTS WOULD BE TAKEN IN
MEXICAN AIRSPACE.

12. PLEASE OBTAIN NECESSARY CLEARANCES AND ADVISE.

13. DEPARTMENT PLEASE TRANSMIT STATE 072008 TO BELIZE
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